



**AUGUST
ADVOCACY**

2026

AUGUST ADVOCACY REPORT

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CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW

ABOUT AUGUST ADVOCACY

Each year, the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) holds its annual August Advocacy campaign to advocate for affordable housing and community development programs and funding. During the 5-week campaign that spans August and early September, NAHRO Advocates engage on behalf of their communities by sending letters, sharing their stories, and holding in-person and virtual meetings with elected officials at the federal, state, and local levels. Each week of August Advocacy includes a main policy focus with additional specialized topics spread throughout. These specialized topics are referred to as "Side Quests."

PRIMARY TOPICS

SIDE QUEST TOPICS

WEEK 1

**Preserve and Protect
Vouchers**

**Protect Emergency
Housing Vouchers**

WEEK 2

**Affordable Housing
Preservation**

**Fix Build America, Buy
America for Affordable
Housing**

WEEK 3

**Housing and Community
Development Programs**

Restore-Rebuild

WEEK 5

Reduce Homelessness

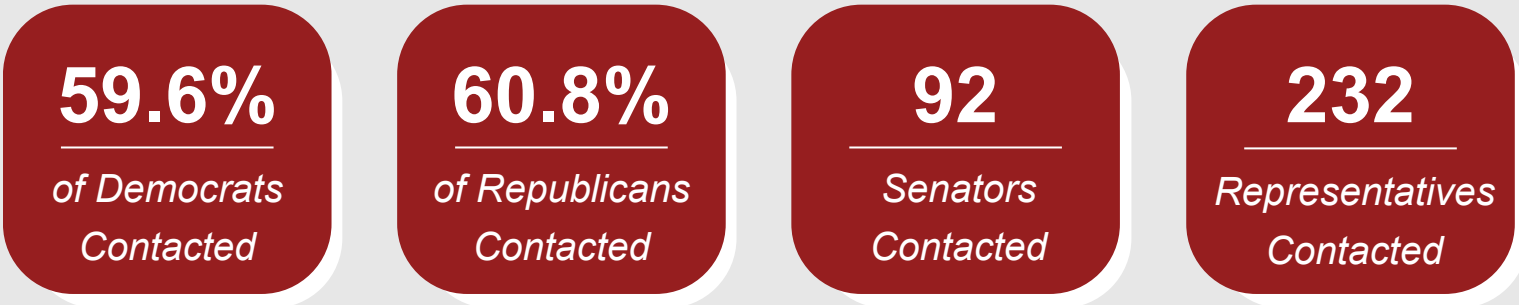
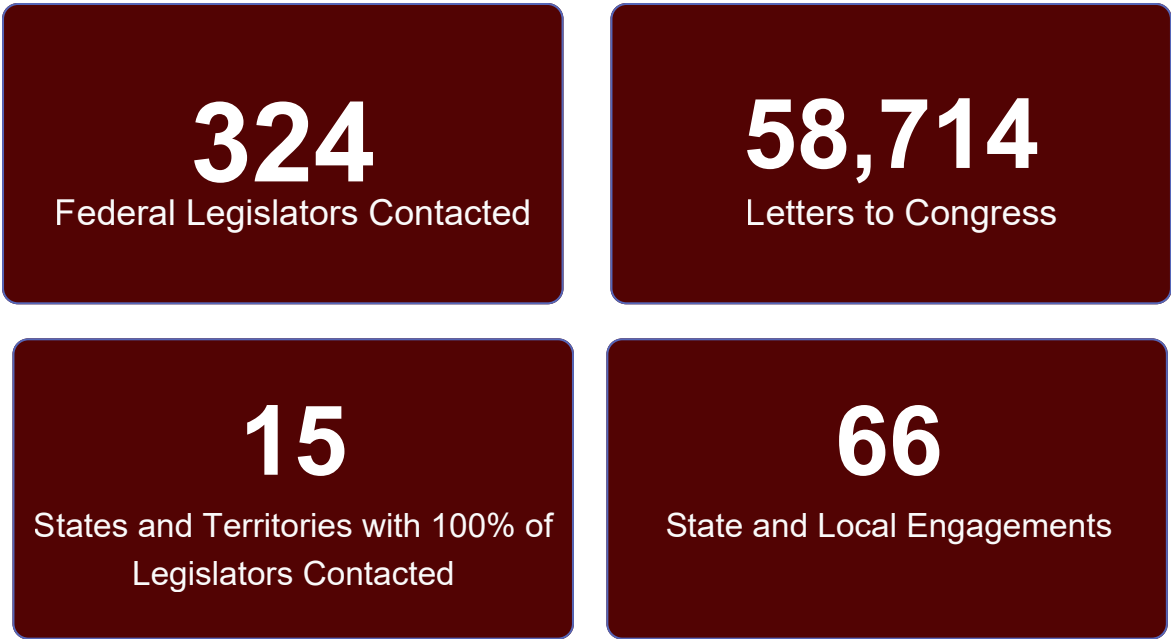
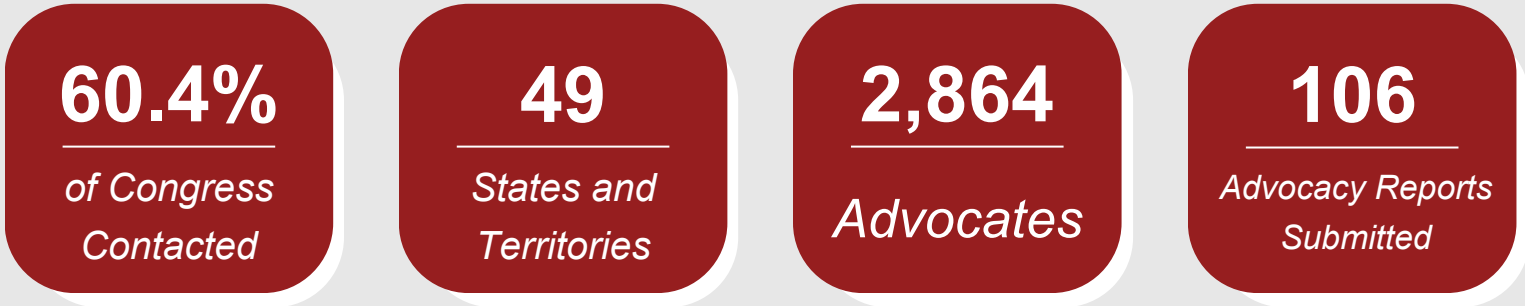
**Fund Self Sufficiency
Programs**

BONUS

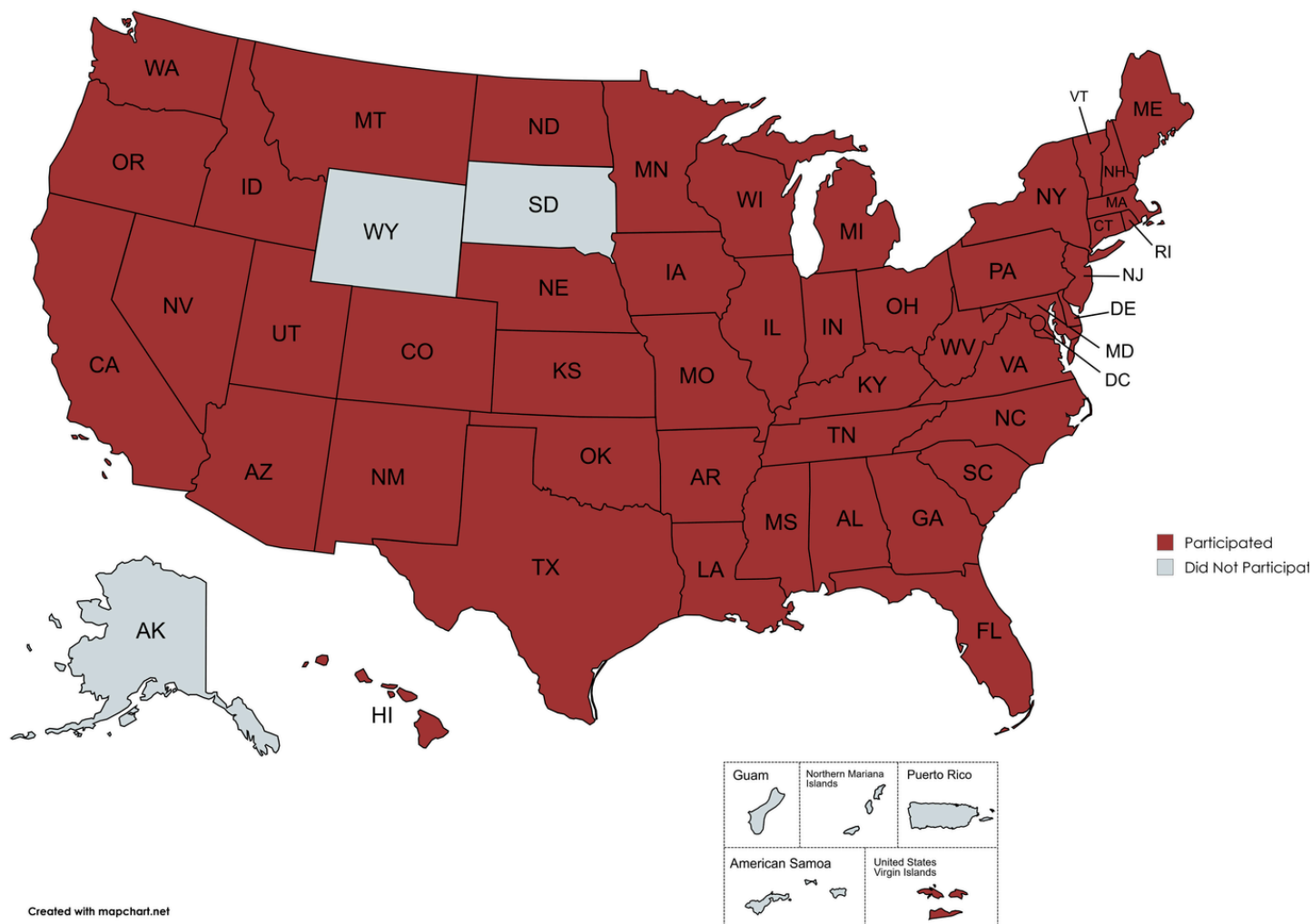
**FY 2027 HUD
Programs and Funding**

**Oppose OMB's
Proposed Rule**

CAMPAIGN RECAP



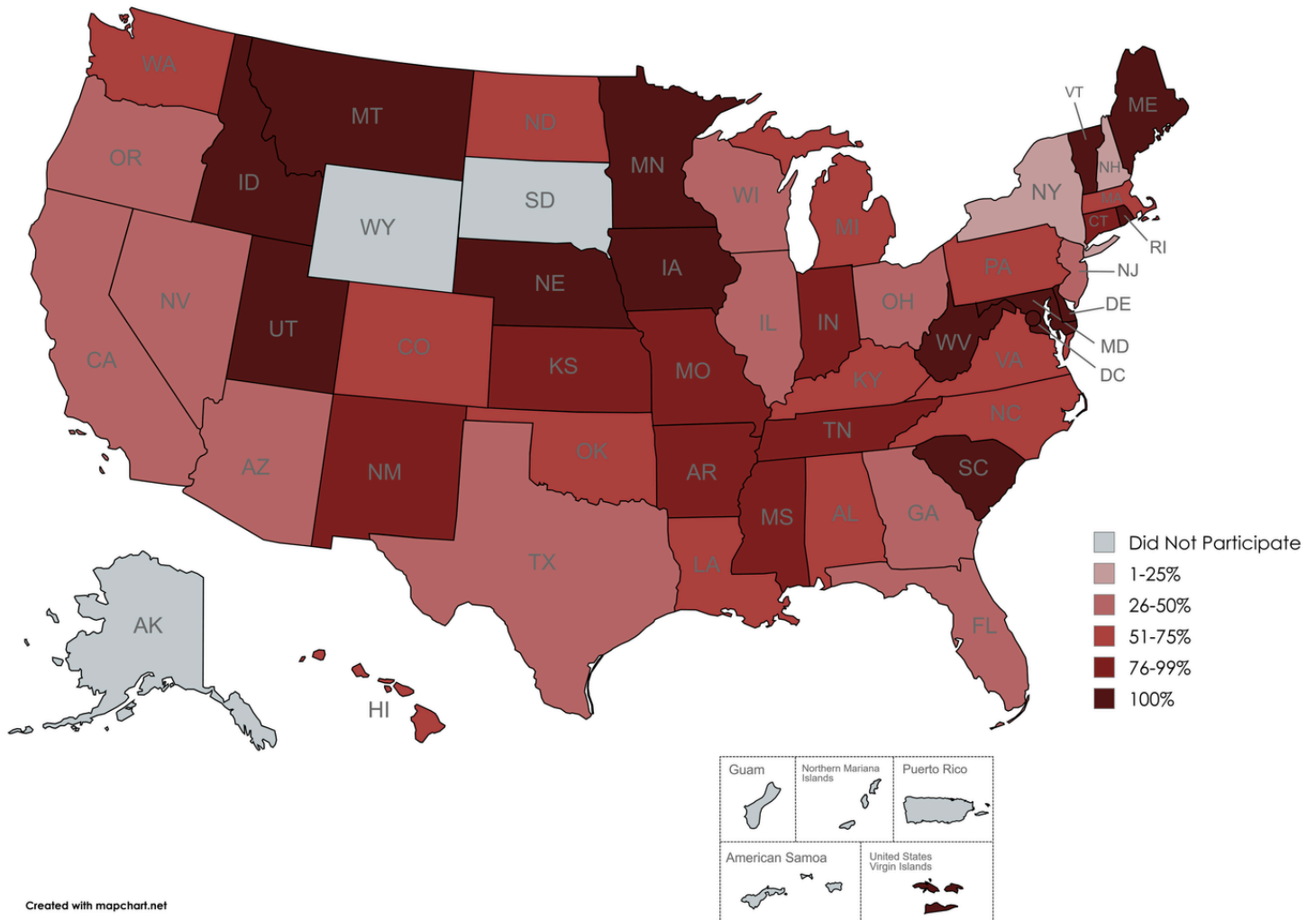
CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION BY STATE, TYPE AND LEVEL



Letters 58,714 Sent	Meetings 42 Held	Site Visits 15 Hosted	Other 50 Advocacy Engagements
Federal 311 Officials Contacted by Letter	Federal 26 Officials Contacted by Advocacy Engagements	State 19 Officials Contacted	Local 32 Officials Contacted

*Overlap in Federal Officials Contacted by Letter and Advocacy Engagement

% OF OFFICIALS CONTACTED BY STATE AND REGION



MARC

52.6%

Officials Contacted

MPRC

65.5%

Officials Contacted

NCRC

65.6%

Officials Contacted

NERC

72.7%

Officials Contacted

PNRC

63.0%

Officials Contacted

PSWRC

48.7%

Officials Contacted

SERC

66.1%

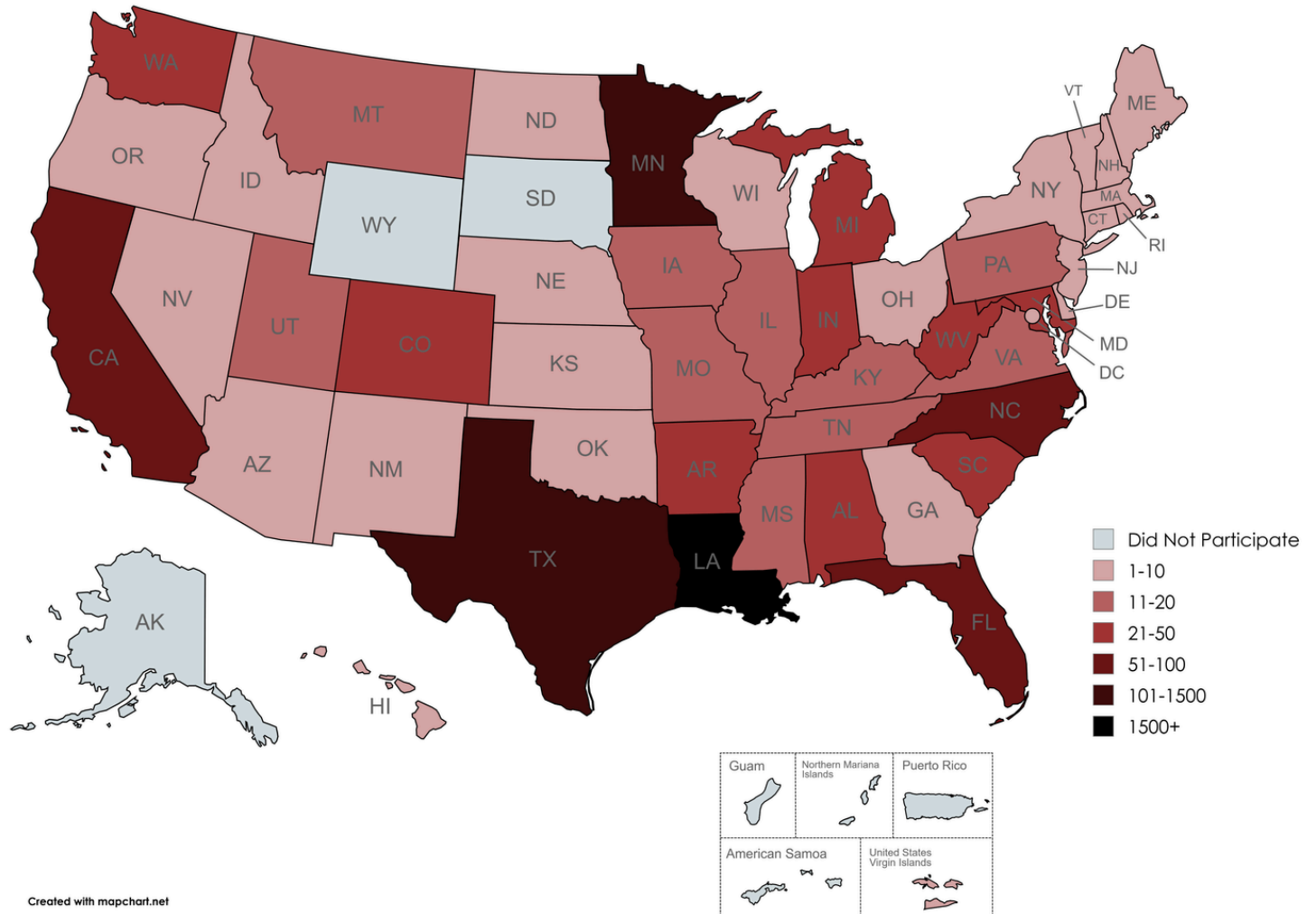
Officials Contacted

SWRC

56.8%

Officials Contacted

ADVOCATES BY STATE AND REGION



MARC

57

Advocates

MPRC

53

Advocates

NCRC

232

Advocates

NERC

19

Advocates

PNRC

33

Advocates

PSWRC

88

Advocates

SERC

262

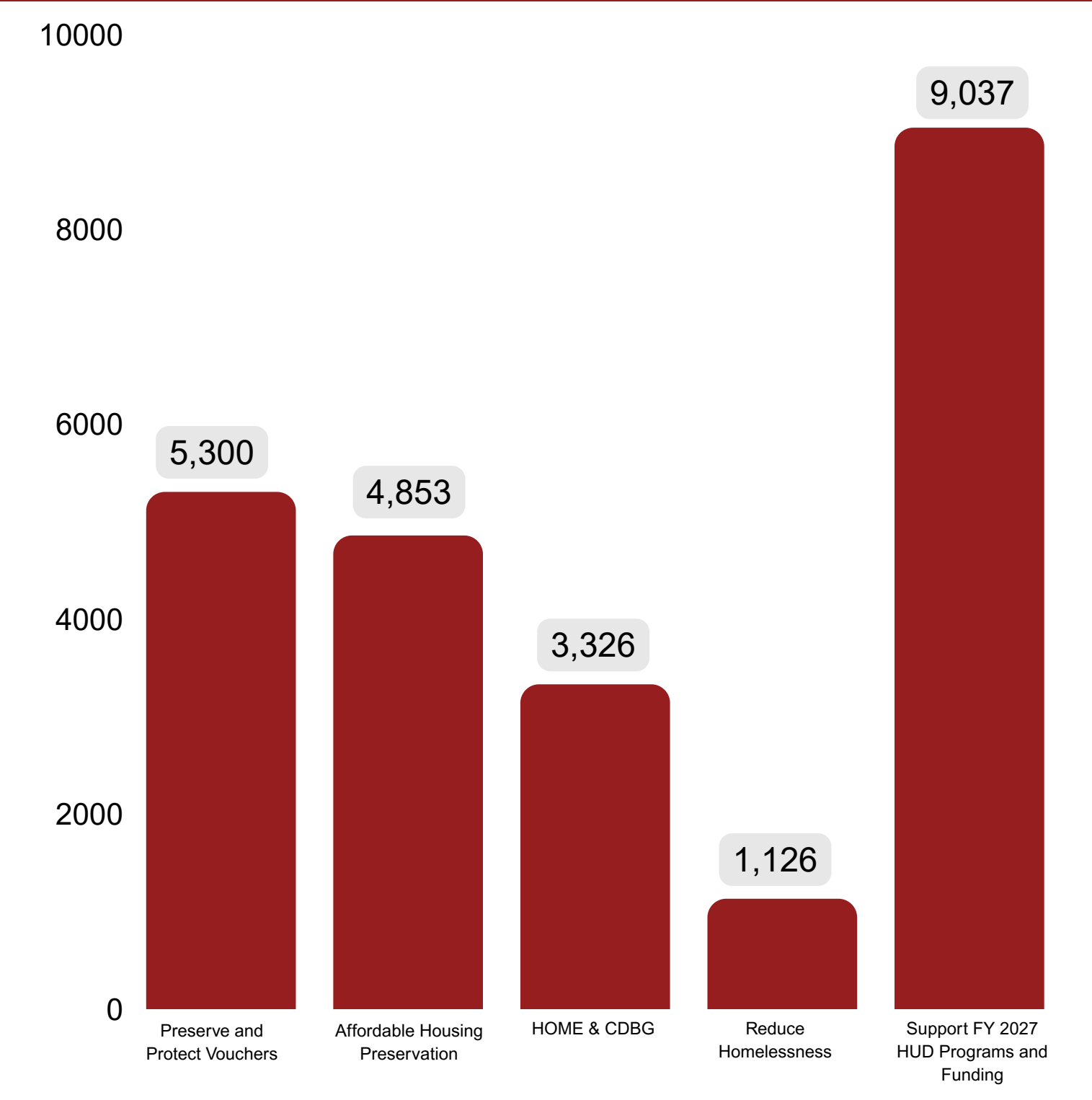
Advocates

SWRC

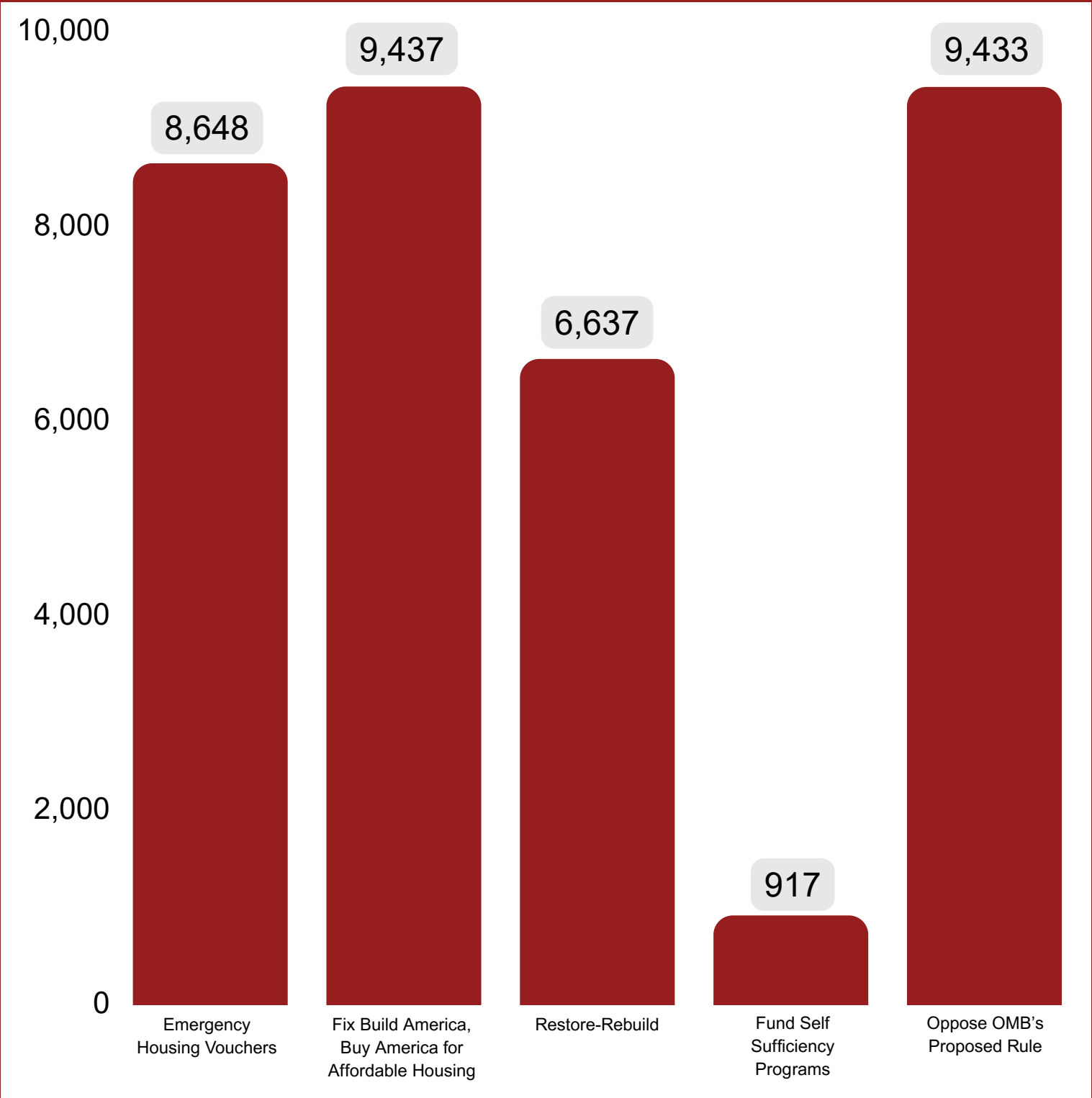
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Advocates

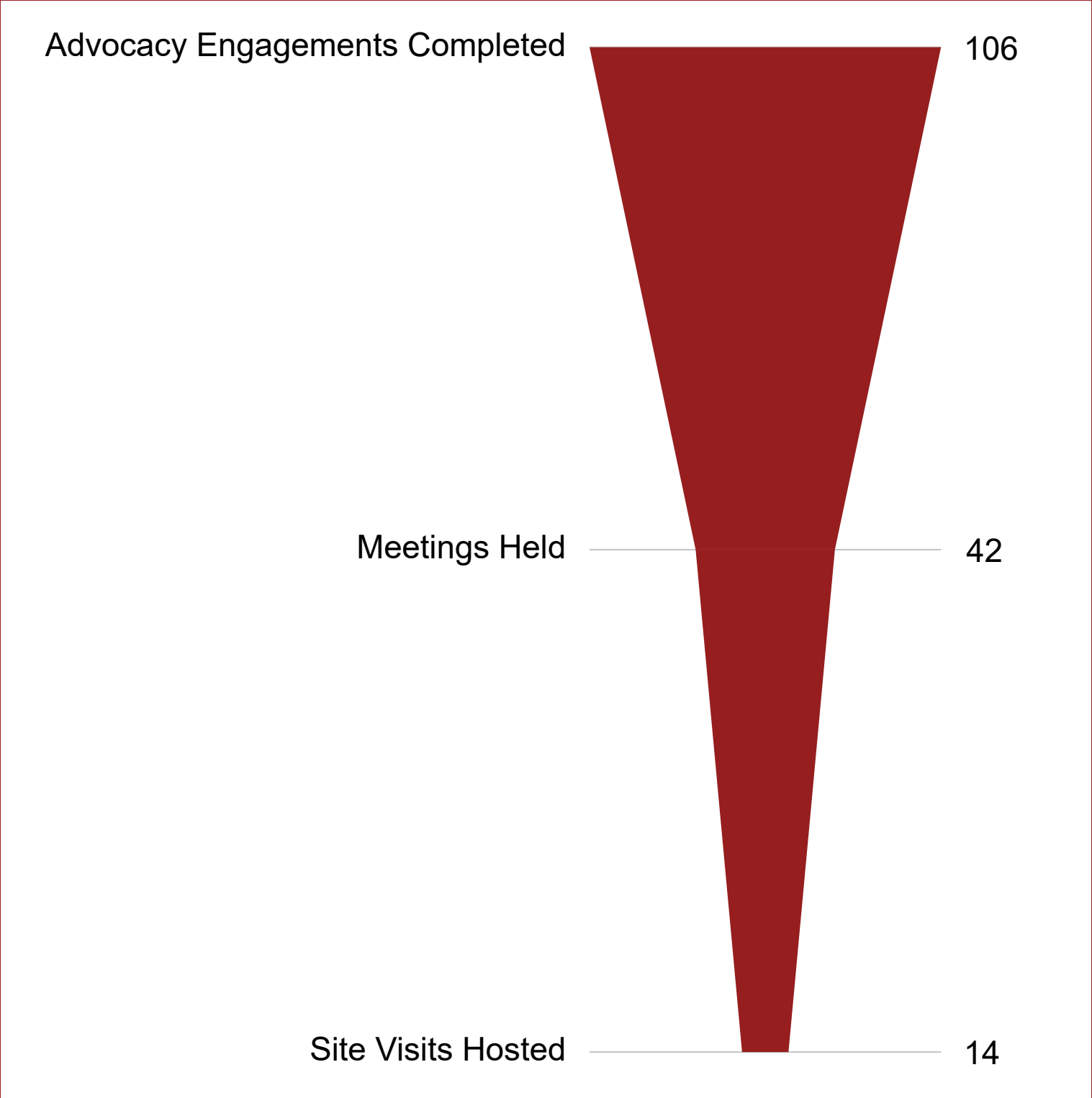
PRIMARY LETTER BREAKDOWN



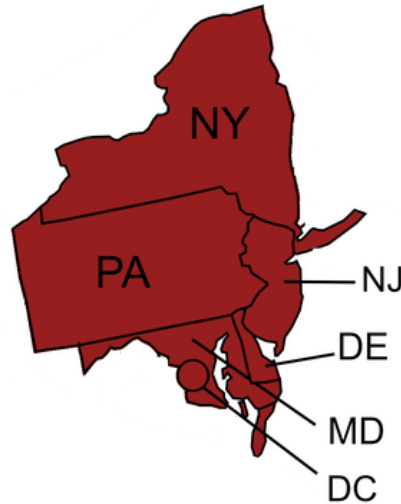
SIDE QUEST BREAKDOWN



OTHER ADVOCACY ENGAGEMENTS



Regional Snapshot: MARC



57 ADVOCATES

40 OFFICIALS CONTACTED

571 LETTERS

4 ADVOCACY REPORTS SUBMITTED

30 of 64 Representatives
10 of 10 Senators

29 of 52 Democrats
11 of 22 Republicans

*Delegates from DC and the Virgin Islands were also contacted

State/Territory	Advocates	Total Letters	% Officials Contacted
Delaware	2	30	100.0%
DC	4	27	100.0%
Maryland	25	315	100.0%
New Jersey	3	33	35.7%

State/Territory	Advocates	Total Letters	% Officials Contacted
New York	7	30	25.0%
Pennsylvania	15	135	68.4%
Virgin Islands	1	1	100.0%

Most Contacted Senators



Sen. Angela Alsobrooks (D-MD)
25 Advocates



Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)
25 Advocates

Most Contacted Representatives

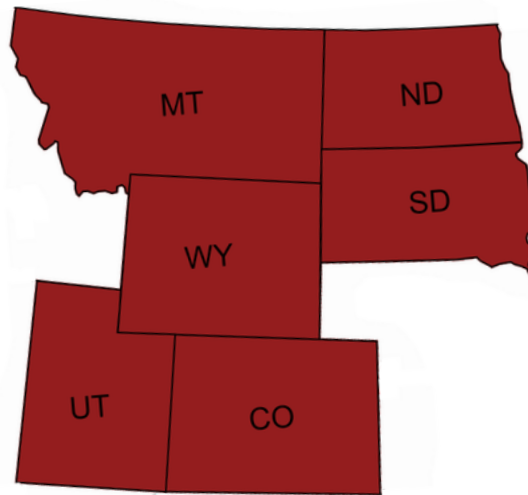


Rep. Sarah Elfreth (D-MD-3)
14 Advocates



Rep. April McClain Delaney (D-MD-6)
2 Advocates

Regional Snapshot: MPRC



53 ADVOCATES

19 OFFICIALS CONTACTED

345 LETTERS

45 ADVOCACY REPORTS SUBMITTED

12 of 17 Representatives
7 of 12 Senators

6 of 6 Democrats
13 of 23 Republicans

State	Advocates	Total Letters	% Officials Contacted
Colorado	21	111	70.0%
Montana	15	138	100.0%
North Dakota	1	0	66.7%

State	Advocates	Total Letters	% Officials Contacted
South Dakota	0	0	0.00%
Utah	16	96	100.0%
Wyoming	0	0	0.00%

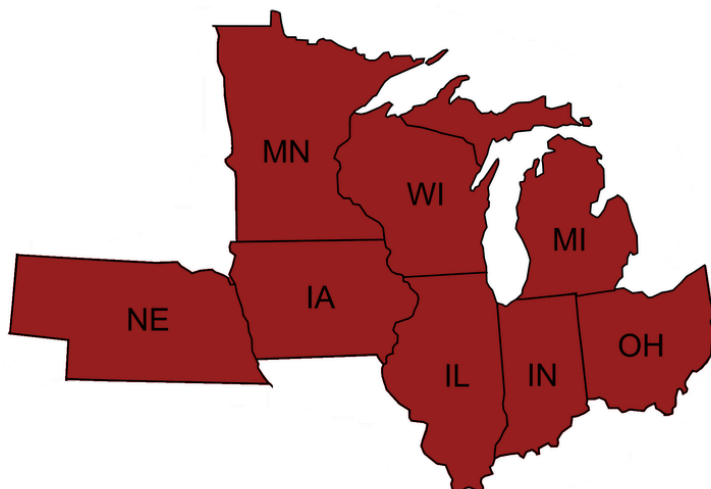
Most Contacted Senators



Most Contacted Representatives



Regional Snapshot: NCRC



232 ADVOCATES

61 OFFICIALS
CONTACTED

7,293 LETTERS

7 ADVOCACY REPORTS
SUBMITTED

45 of 77 Representatives
16 of 16 Senators

25 of 40 Democrats
36 of 53 Republicans

State	Advocates	Total Letters	% Officials Contacted
Illinois	20	216	47.4%
Indiana	31	555	81.8%
Iowa	12	120	100.0%
Michigan	21	351	60.0%

State	Advocates	Total Letters	% Officials Contacted
Minnesota	127	5,886	100.0%
Nebraska	9	105	100.0%
Ohio	8	39	47.1%
Wisconsin	4	21	50.0%

Most Contacted Senators



Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)
126 Advocates



Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)
126 Advocates



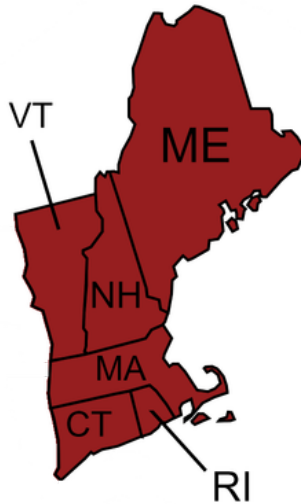
Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN-8)
44 Advocates



Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN-4)
39 Advocates

Most Contacted Representatives

Regional Snapshot: NERC



19 ADVOCATES
24 OFFICIALS CONTACTED
114 LETTERS
2 ADVOCACY REPORTS SUBMITTED

13 of 21 Representatives
11 of 12 Senators

21 of 30 Democrats
1 of 1 Republicans
2 of 2 Independents

State	Advocates	Total Letters	% Officials Contacted
Connecticut	7	48	85.7%
Maine	3	21	100.0%
Massachusetts	4	24	54.5%

State	Advocates	Total Letters	% Officials Contacted
New Hampshire	1	0	25.0%
Rhode Island	3	18	100.0%
Vermont	1	3	100.0%

Most Contacted Senators



Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT)
 7 Advocates



Sen. Richard Blumenthal
 7 Advocates

Most Contacted Representatives

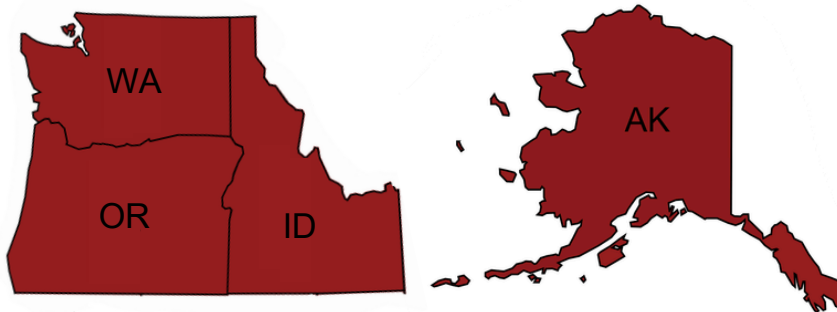


Rep. John Larson (D-CT-1)
 4 Advocates



Rep. Jared Golden (D-ME-2)
 2 Advocates

Regional Snapshot: PNRC



33 ADVOCATES

17 OFFICIALS CONTACTED

423 LETTERS

25 ADVOCACY REPORTS SUBMITTED

11 of 19 Representatives
6 of 8 Senators

11 of 17 Democrats
6 of 10 Republicans

State	Advocates	Total Letters	% Officials Contacted
Alaska	0	0	0.00%
Idaho	4	90	100.0%
Oregon	2	45	50.0%
Washington	27	288	75.0%

Most Contacted Senators



Sen. Maria Cantwell
(D-WA)
23 Advocates



Sen. Patty Murray
(D-WA)
23 Advocates



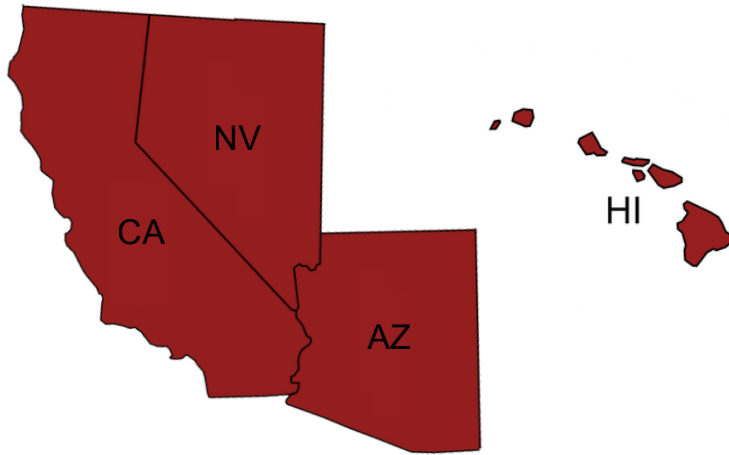
Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp
Perez (D-WA-9)
3 Advocates



Rep. Michael
Simpson (R-ID-2)
3 Advocates

Most Contacted Representatives

Regional Snapshot: PSWRC



88 ADVOCATES

34 OFFICIALS CONTACTED

1,137 LETTERS

9 ADVOCACY REPORTS SUBMITTED

28 of 67 Representatives
6 of 8 Senators

31 of 58 Democrats
2 of 16 Republicans
1 of 1 Independents

*Delegate from Guam was also contacted

State	Advocates	Total Letters	% Officials Contacted
Arizona	2	6	36.4%
California	84	1,128	50.0%
Guam	0	0	0.00%
Hawaii	1	0	0.00%
Nevada	1	3	50.0%

Most Contacted Senators



Sen. Alex Padilla
(D-CA)
83 Advocates



Sen. Adam Schiff
(D-CA)
83 Advocates



Rep. Lateefah Simon (D-CA-12)
44 Advocates



Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-10)
3 Advocates

Most Contacted Representatives

Regional Snapshot: SERC



262 ADVOCATES

80 OFFICIALS
CONTACTED

2,722 LETTERS

7 ADVOCACY REPORTS
SUBMITTED

60 of 102 Representatives
20 of 20 Senators

18 of 32 Democrats
62 of 89 Republicans

State	Advocates	Total Letters	% Officials Contacted
Alabama	21	282	66.7%
Florida	55	333	44.8%
Georgia	7	16	43.8%
Kentucky	13	136	75.0%
Mississippi	20	486	83.3%

State	Advocates	Total Letters	% Officials Contacted
North Carolina	70	444	68.8%
South Carolina	25	183	100.0%
Tennessee	17	171	90.9%
Virginia	13	129	69.2%
West Virginia	21	489	100.0%

Most Contacted Senators



Sen. Jim Justice
(R-WV)
21 Advocates



Sen. Shelley Capito (R-WV)
21 Advocates



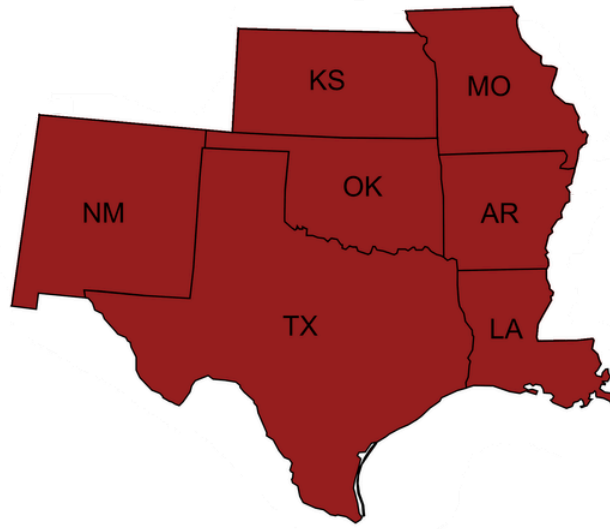
Rep. Carol Miller
(R-WV-1)
18 Advocates



Rep. Trent Kelly (R-MS-1)
3 Advocates

Most Contacted Representatives

Regional Snapshot: SWRC



2,132 ADVOCATES

46 OFFICIALS CONTACTED

46,109 LETTERS

7 ADVOCACY REPORTS SUBMITTED

32 of 68 Representatives
14 of 14 Senators

11 of 22 Democrats
35 of 59 Republicans

State/Territory	Advocates	Total Letters	% Officials Contacted
Arkansas	21	1,296	83.3%
Kansas	7	105	83.3%
Louisiana	1,869	41,591	62.5%
Missouri	16	156	80.0%

State/Territory	Advocates	Total Letters	% Officials Contacted
New Mexico	3	24	80.0%
Oklahoma	2	3	57.1%
Texas	214	2,934	38.5%

Most Contacted Senators



Sen. Bill Cassidy
(R-LA)

1,868 Advocates



Sen. John Kennedy
(R-LA)

1,868 Advocates



Rep. Mike Johnson
(R-LA-4)

145 Advocates



Rep. Cleo Fields (D-LA-6)

1,757 Advocates

Most Contacted Representatives



AUGUST ADVOCACY

CAMPAIGN DATES: AUGUST 3–SEPTEMBER 4



2026 ASAE GOLD AWARD WINNER

Award-Winning Advocacy Campaign



Week 1: August 3–7

Preserve and Protect Vouchers Week



Week 2: August 10–14

**Affordable Housing Preservation Week —
Public Housing and Project-Based Rental Assistance**



Week 3: August 17–21

Housing & Community Development Programs Week



Week 4: August 24–28

**Bring Housing Home Week — In-district and virtual
advocacy meetings, site visits, and local engagement**



Week 5: August 31–September 4

Reduce Homelessness Week

About NAHRO:

NAHRO, established in 1933, is a membership organization of more than 26,000 housing and community development providers and professionals throughout the United States. NAHRO members create and manage affordable housing for low- and middle-income families and support vibrant communities that enhance the quality of life for all. NAHRO members administer more than 3 million homes for more than 8 million people.

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